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**VIA ECFS**

July 17, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification and FCC Form 555*, WC Docket No. 14-171 – Revision and Refiling of Certain CenturyLink Form 555s and Certifications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31, 2018, in accord with the Federal Communications Commission's requirements that eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) annually re-certify the eligibility of their Lifeline subscribers and report the results to the Universal Service Administrative Company, to relevant states and Tribal governments, and to this Commission,<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink submitted its 2017 Lifeline re-certification results (by Study Area Code) for thirty-five states, including Florida and Georgia.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See, generally, 47 C.F.R. § 54.416; *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6715-16 ¶ 132 (2012); *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Connect America Fund*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016), *appeals remanded sub nom., National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners v. FCC*, Nos. 16-1170, *et al.*, Order (D.C. Cir., Apr. 19, 2017); *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification and FCC Form 555*, WC Docket No. 14-171, Public Notice, DA 14-1731, 29 FCC Rcd 14451 (rel. Dec. 2, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> On February 23, 2018, for certain subsidiary entities of CenturyLink, Inc. that are ETCs under the FCC's rules, revised/refiled Form 555s were submitted for Texas (along with one for

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Regarding the re-certification results originally submitted for Florida and Georgia, pursuant to USAC's instructions,<sup>3</sup> CenturyLink filed its Form 555s using initial data provided for these states for the following Study Area Codes:

210341

220356

As USAC's instructions provide,<sup>4</sup> the updated data was submitted to USAC on July 13, 2018, and is also being filed today with the FCC by CenturyLink on the enclosed revised Form 555s.<sup>5</sup>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tiffany West Smink

Enclosures

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Louisiana for certain CenturyLink Texas customers served out of facilities located in Louisiana). Today's filing is being made by certain subsidiary entities of CenturyLink, Inc. that are ETCs in Florida and Georgia.

<sup>3</sup> USAC News Brief, dated Jan. 29, 2018. <https://www.usac.org/about/tools/news/news-archive.aspx> ("...Affected disaster areas in...Florida[] and Georgia should follow the hurricane relief guidance: submit their filing by the deadline, and submit a revision once their recertification efforts are complete.)

<sup>4</sup> See note 3, *supra*.

<sup>5</sup> The revised recertification results for Florida also reflect small changes to the July and August recertification data due to discovery of reporting some duplicate results in the earlier results filing for this state.